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Per our telephone interview on September 26, 2002.

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Re Application of: **B. Svarfvar et al.** :
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RESPONSE TO TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW HELD
WITH EXAMINER ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

Sir:

This communication is in response to a telephonic interview held between Examiner Dinh and Applicants' representative on September 26, 2002. During the telephonic interview Examiner Dinh indicated that claims 18 and 19 are allowed and that the combination of method claims 1, 3 and 4 if rewritten as an independent claim would be allowed as would the combination of apparatus claims 8, 13 and 14 rewritten as an independent claim. Examiner Dinh further requested the cancellation of claims 3, 4, 13 and 14.

The withdrawal of the restriction requirement by Examiner Dinh was also discussed and acknowledged.

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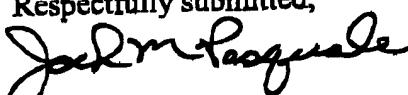
Examiner Dinh and Applicants' representative further discussed Knecht et al. (U.S. Patent 5,313,371) as the primary reference forming the basis for the rejection of the claims. Applicants have submitted through Applicants' representative that the wire mesh 202 shown in the Knecht et al. reference does not form a part of the structure and is placed in such a way to form a pattern such as a grid or waffle pattern through the voids of which the conductive flash is sprayed to form a metallization layer pattern on the interior of the lid 102. The Knecht et al. reference fails to teach or suggest that the wire mesh 202 is:

- 1) an electrically conductive fiber mesh net,
- 2) that the wire mesh 202 is insert molded into wall surfaces defining an interior cavity of the electronic device but rather is removed after the conductive flash is sprayed through the voids in the wire mesh 202. See column 3, lines 60-62 wherein Knecht et al. indicate that "many lids 102 may be placed on a sputtering platen in a random arrangement, before a continuous wire mesh 202 is placed over them."

Accordingly, Applicants do not agree to the limitation of the claims of the invention as proposed by the Examiner during the telephonic interview held with Applicants' representative on September 26, 2002.

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Applicants wish to thank Examiner Dinh for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the telephonic interview.

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